



How Los Angeles County (LAC) benefit from a DRC program:

- Los Angeles County is approximately 4,000 square miles
- Vast distances between one end of the county to the other
- We have almost 10 million people
- Widely diverse areas including mountains, valleys and an island (Catalina)
- Daily traffic problems
- Over 100 hospitals in LA County
- 88 Cities in the LA County
- 73 9-1-1 Receiving Hospitals

After 9/11, the focus in our country changed to incorporate major renovations to our system in the way we prepare for disasters, natural or man-made. In 2003, Los Angeles County became a direct recipient of Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)

Grant funding based on a 'risk assessment' study. As part of the guidelines, Los Angeles County became

responsible for dispensing these funds through our diverse county.

The concept of DRC's was developed with 14 hospitals geographically located throughout LA County. Each DRC has 8-10 'umbrella Health Care Facilities that they work with in training, planning, drilling and facilitating a regional disaster preparedness plan. Other healthcare sectors representatives are also invited to the meetings to encourage a streamlined workable plan.

DRC 'umbrella meetings' are held bimonthly to create active participation with each hospital and gain advice and suggestions from local fire departments, pharmacists, security, physicians and city planners, as well as inviting speakers to share knowledge on many subjects. Engaging in an open dialogue with key players is instrumental to a good plan. Without the cooperation and enthusiastic buy-in of these key players, any Emergency Plan will be ineffective.

Who are the DRC's?

California Hospital Medical Center

Cedars Sinai Medical Center

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Community Clinic Association of
Los Angeles County (CCALAC)

Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital

Kaiser Los Angeles Medical Center

LAC Harbor - UCLA Medical Center

LAC+USC Medical Center

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center

Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center

PIH Health Hospital-Whittier

Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center

Ronald Reagan - UCLA Medical Center

Saint Mary Medical Center

Roles of the **DRC** for disaster preparedness

- Coordinate Surge Capacity in geographical area
- Facilitate drills and exercises between hospitals
- Store pharmaceutical caches
- Procure tents, cots, ventilators and medical supplies to share, as needed
- Coordinate “shared staff” requirements
- Facilitate PPE and decontamination training for staff
- Work with “umbrella hospitals” in coordination of resources, drills and training
- Assist with TJC Standards compliance
- Sharing of names and phone numbers for disaster assistance

Successes to Date

- We have greater communication between our facilities
- Regional Disaster Plans are being generated and information shared
- All preparedness is on an “all hazard” approach with an emphasis on terrorism preparedness
- Participation is voluntary, however because of the successes, we have 80 active hospitals participating within our jurisdiction
- Funding is making all the difference - plans are coming to fruition with HPP dollars

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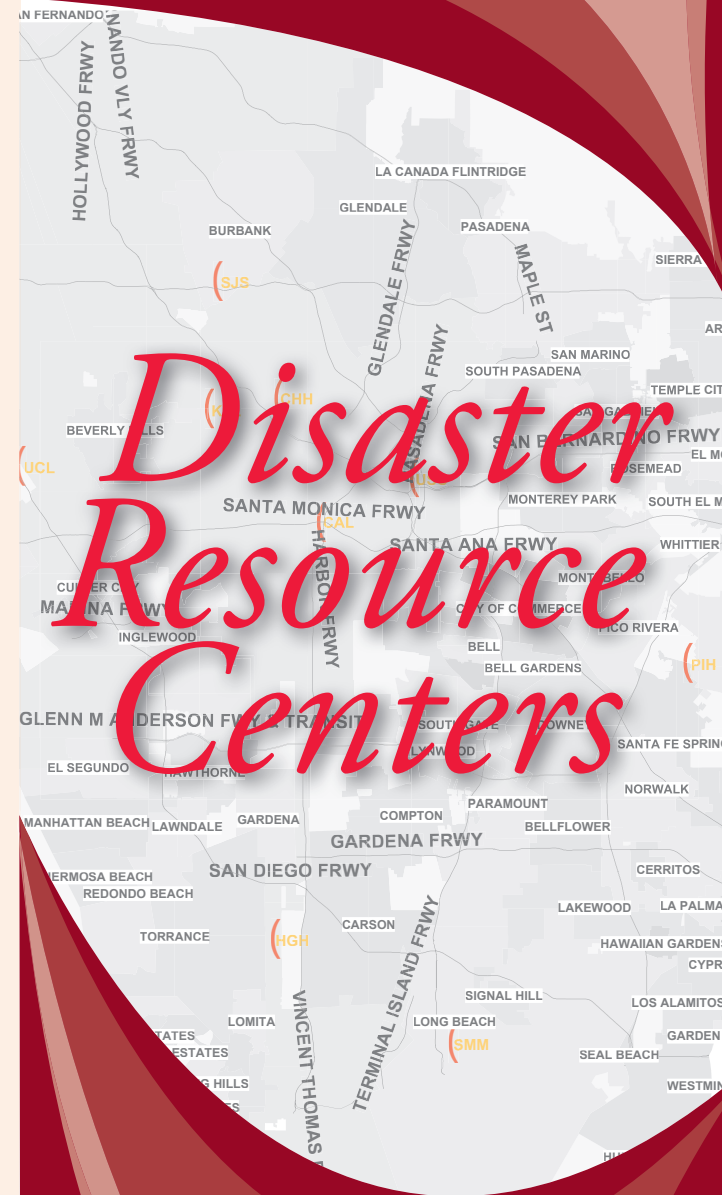
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